



The regular meeting for the Grimes Park & Recreation Board was called to order on Wednesday April 24, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Charmin Sterbenz; Bill Breed, Doug Bickford; Morgan Molden; Bill Rude; Council Liaison Craig Patterson. Absent: None

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Rude, Second by Bickford, the Agenda shall be approved
Roll call. Ayes: All; Nays: 0. Motion passes 5 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Rude, Second by Molden, the Minutes from the March 27, 2012 Park and Rec meeting shall be approved.
Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 5 to 0.

II. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Glenstone Park Final Project Approval-

Bob Gibson of Civil Design Advantage, 3405 SE Crossroads Drive, Grimes Iowa addressed the Board to review the design concepts for Glenstone Park. Gibson discussed the results from the input meetings on Glenstone Park and the responses he gathered. Gibson relayed that there was definite interest in expanding the proposed half basketball court to a full basketball court to be considered. Gibson also stated that he included a number of products and pricing to consider for play equipment that he felt would work well with the landscaping and goals. Gibson also noted this would be ADA compliant project with a handicap access ramp into the play area. Gibson stated that the grading for the entire site, utilities and seeding should be part of the first phase. The remaining additions could be spread out over additional phases but that would be at the boards discretion. Council Liaison Patterson suggested that the board present the overall plan to the city council for approval itemizing the specific items to include in the first phase. Motion by Molden, second by Bickford to send the phase one plan, the master plan and detailed financial breakout including the request to increase the basketball court from half to full court for \$150,000 to City Council for approval.
Roll call: Ayes: All, Nays: 0. Motion passes 5 to 0.

2. Review of Park Goals/North Sports Complex

Brett Barber, Grimes Park and Recreation Director, stated that improvements at Lions Park is another one of the goals for this year. There are a number of civic groups that are being approached and expressing interest in working with the Park Board on

those improvements. Barber stated that the North Sports Complex grass is beginning to fill in nicely with the rain we've received. He also noted that other than planning financing for future projects at that location, the backstops and fencing would not be addressed until after the park grass had four growing seasons in order to mature.

3. Park & Recreation Director Comments – Summer Rec/Sports Club Reports

Barber stated that summer registration is still continuing nicely. Barber stated that the softball clubs have been voicing a need for improvements at Lions Park. Barber stated that there were safety concerns about the height of the backstops at Lions Park as well as the length of the fence. Barber also stated that there was a request for additional lime to be put out at the South Sports Complex. Barber told the board that lots of volunteers that helped work on the preparation of the fields on the annual Field Clean Up Day and the I-Cubs have completed the mound improvements and base anchors, extending the infield and adding more ag lime to prepare for the tournaments that are due to begin May 4th. Barber informed the board that the clubs volunteers would be doing the labor for maintaining the fields and running the concession stands during those tournaments. Discussion continued on ensuring adequate parking for the anticipated visitors during the tournaments. Bob Scott of the DCG Soccer Club addressed the board with numbers from spring soccer. Scott advised that they had 444 players this spring, 51 teams as well as high school teams this spring. The only complaint he has received was concerning field 1, which has become quite torn up from use. They anticipate over 500 participants for the fall games. Scott estimated that over 80 percent participation is by Grimes residents.

4. Council update

Council Liaison Patterson notified the board that the long awaited Main Street Project was about to begin. Patterson stated that some of the phases of the improvements could interfere with getting around downtown and effect parking until it is completed. Patterson advised that there would be some trees removed near the Bus barn soon as well as completely rebuilding Main Street from 2nd to 6th that will include all new utilities underground. Patterson told the board that the goal is to complete the work in one season. Patterson also stated that the latest update from the water plant indicated that the well levels have not significantly improved as yet. More rain is still needed. Progress continues with bids being taken for the Jordan Well project. Patterson stated that the lease with the YMCA at the Grimes Community Complex has expired and they are in negotiations at this time to continue that lease.

III. Board Action- None

IV. Old Business- None

V. New Business

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 22, 2013

VI. Adjournment:

Motion by Molden, Second by Bickford to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm